UNITED NATIONS **S**

Security Council

Distr.
GENERAL

S/1994/816
11 July 1994
ENGLISH
ORIGINAL: ARABIC

LETTER DATED 11 JULY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that the violations of Iraqi national airspace committed by United States aircraft in order to carry out reconnaissance and cause provocation continued over the period 17 to 30 June 1994.

17 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 70 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Amarah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

18 June 1994

Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

19 June 1994

Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

At 1222 hours on 19 June 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Artawi, Basra, Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Najaf and the area to the south of Diwaniyah. It left at 1515 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

20 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Shaqlawah, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 48 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Amarah, Qurnah, Jalibah, Shanafiyah and Samawah.

21 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 22 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 56 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Lasaf, Salman, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi and the area to the south of Diwaniyah.

22 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 21 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 2 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyan.

23 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 9 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Amadiyah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 42 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

24 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 25 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah, Aqrah and Ba'shiqah.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Salman, Chabaish, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Samawah and Qal'at Salih.

At 1115 hours on 22 June 1994, a two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over the Basra Governorate.

25 June 1994

Southern region: 48 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

26 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 20 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Aqrah and Zakho.

(b) Southern region: 40 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Amarah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

27 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 19 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 44 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Basra, Nasiriyah, Qurnah, Samawah, Ushbayjah, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah, Salman, Shatrah, Busayyah and Artawi.

28 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 14 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Zakho, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 33 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Basra, Qurnah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Shatrah and Artawi.

At 1215 hours on 28 June 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over Nasiriyah, Samawah, the area to the south of Diwaniyah, Qurnah, Artawi and Shanafiyah. It left at 1420 hours in the direction of Saudi Arabia.

29 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 15 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar, Zakho, Aqrah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 30 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Qurnah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

30 June 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Amadiyah and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 38 sorties flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes, centred over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Chabaish, Khidr, Jalibah, Busayyah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative